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IT'S CALLED A BIO-BLISTER...
FIVE-HUNDRED-THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF HERMETICALLY SEALED SCIENTIFIC HABITAT STUCK IN THE MIDDLE OF A NANITE-SATURATED DESERT.
FOUR DAYS AGO THE HABITAT'S LIFE-SUPPORT WENT ON THE FRITZ.
LUCKILY, THE BLISTER'S BUILDERS THOUGHT ABOUT REDUNDANT SYSTEMS...
SHORT STRAW WINS--
SIXTY SECONDS FROM THE AIRLOCK TO THE OUTBUILDING.
SOME PRIZE...
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
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CLAP
YOU CAN DO IT, RODNEY!
WON'T THAT SLOW ME DOWN?
WELL, YOU KNOW IT'S NOT JUST A SHORT SPRINT ANYMORE--
IT'S MORE LIKE AN OBSTACLE COURSE.
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GIVEN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE BIO-BLISTER INHABITANTS ARE STARTING TO GET *DESPERATE*...
RESEARCHER RODNEY JENNINGS WAS THE *THIRD* PERSON CHOSEN BY LOT TO RUN FOR THE *REST* OF THEIR LIVES...
THE UNFORGIVING MINUTE
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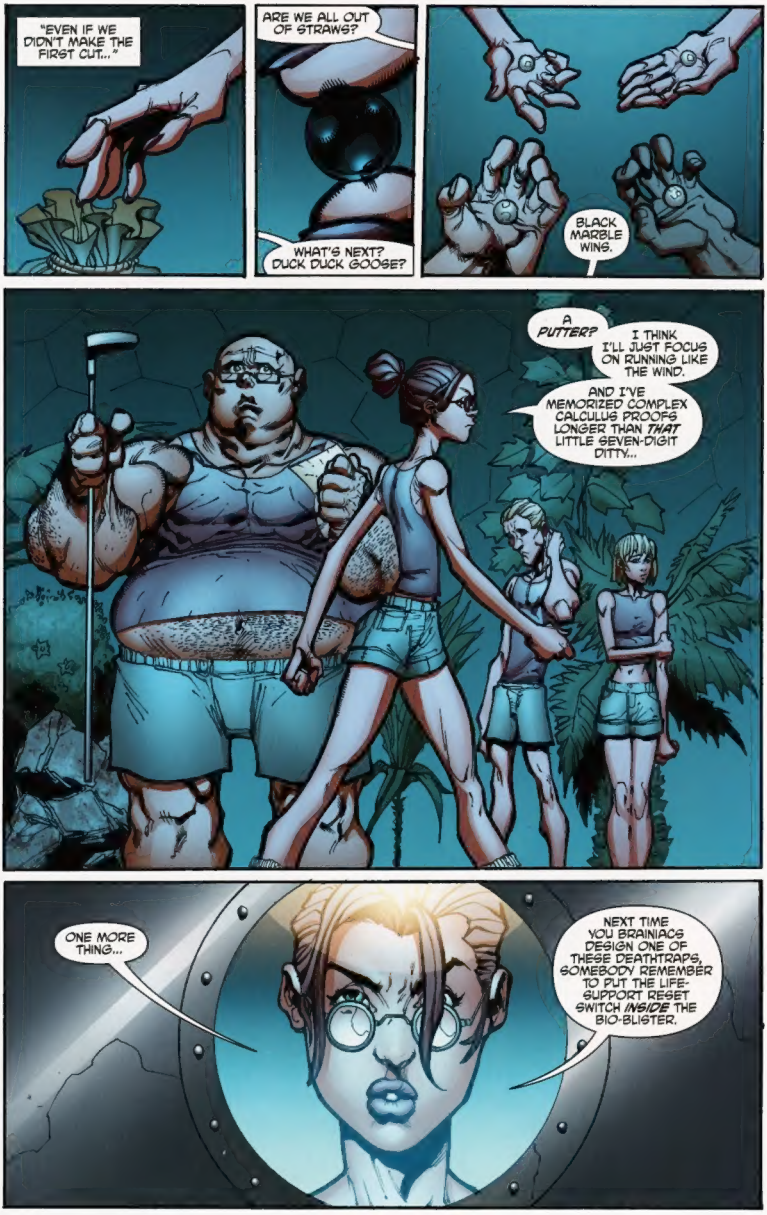
THIS PARTICULAR LANDSCAPE HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST NANITE CONCENTRATIONS SINCE THE INITIAL DISASTER...
THEY'RE IN THE GROUND...
IN THE AIR...
AND IN EVERYTHING THAT GROWS...
RODNEY JENNINGS, ONCE A HIGH SCHOOL TRACK STAR, GOT FURTHER THAN HIS PREDECESSORS...
BUT ANY CHANCES OF HIM BREAKING A RUNNING RECORD DRIED UP THE MOMENT HE TOOK A DEEP BREATH...
AS DID RODNEY JENNINGS...

EVERY 'VOLUNTEER' FOR THIS UNCONVENTIONAL FOOTRACE HAS FOUND HIS OR HER DNA CROSSED WITH NANITES--
INSTEAD OF CROSSING THE FINISH LINE.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE BRINGING IN A RINGER...
SOMEONE WHO ISN'T AFRAID TO GET A LITTLE DIRTY TO GET THE JOB DONE.
YOU LIKE RUNNING, REX?
ONLY WHEN CHASED, WHITE KNIGHT.
BUT I THINK BOBO AND I CAN GO THE DISTANCE...


"EVEN IF WE DIDN'T MAKE THE FIRST CUT..."
ARE WE ALL OUT OF STRAWS?
WHAT'S NEXT? DUCK DUCK GOOSE?
BLACK MARBLE WINS.
A PUTTER?
I THINK I'LL JUST FOCUS ON RUNNING LIKE THE WIND.
AND I'VE MEMORIZED COMPLEX CALCULUS PROOFS LONGER THAN THAT LITTLE SEVEN-DIGIT DITTY...
ONE MORE THING...
NEXT TIME YOU BRAINIACS DESIGN ONE OF THESE DEATHTRAPS, SOMEBODY REMEMBER TO PUT THE LIFE-SUPPORT RESET SWITCH INSIDE THE BIO-BLISTER.

UH-OH, BOBO-
LOOKS LIKE THE BIO-BLISTER SENT OUT ANOTHER RUNNER!
TAKE THE REINS, PAL--
I'LL SEE IF SHE'S GAME FOR A RELAY RACE!
WATCH YOUR BACK, REX!
THERE'S EVOS AFOOT!
HEY! IT'S OKAY!
PROVIDENCE SENT US TO--
RURR!
FSSS!
GRAH!
HELP...

GANGWAY, SANDY!
MY BOY REX DIDN'T EXPECT A CROSS-COUNTRY HIKE!
P-CHOOM
ACK!
JUST KEEP ON DISTRACTING THE EVOS, BOBO!
THERE'S NO SECOND PLACE IN THIS RACE!
SHING
THIS BEACH BLANKET BOZO TASTES LIKE CAT LITTER!
SAYS THE GUY WHO CAN'T RUN ON HIS HANDS!
SILLY HUMANS! LOOK HOW FAR WALKING *UPRIGHT* GOT YA!
PAF
PAF
PAF

LOOK, MISS--
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THE WHOLE MIME--
OH, I GET YOU.
SO HERE'S HOPING
THE SHORTEST DISTANCE
ISN'T A STRAIGHT LINE!
SO HOWZABOUT WE BLAST THE LOCK OFF AND CROSS THE FINISH--
NO?
ARE YOU SAYING I COULD FRY THE BIO-BLISTER'S BACK-UP LIFE-SUPPORT?
8-6-7-5... GIH...3-O--
NO!

DON'T WORRY.
PROVIDENCE PREPPED US ON THE WAY IN...
AND THIS ISN'T THE *FIRST* TIME I'VE COMMITTED A GIRL'S NUMBER TO MEMORY...
BOBO, A LITTLE HELP?
CONSIDER THIS SAND SCULPTURE, *SANDBLASTED!*
THE LIFE-SUPPORT--
WAY AHEAD OF YOU.
THE SYSTEM'S BACK ON.
KLIK
POWER. FRESH AIR. HOT AND COLD RUNNING--
NANITES, REX.
IN THE AIR, REMEMBER?
LIKE THE FINEST GRAINS OF *SAND*.
IT'S OKAY, YOU WON THE RACE.
I CAN CHANGE YOU BACK AND ALL THE OTHERS TOO.

"AND THEN YOU CAN ALL GO BACK TO YOUR BIO-HOME..."
NOT EXACTLY.
WHITE KNIGHT SAYS THE POINT OF THE BIO-BLISTER IS TO REMAIN *UNCONTAMINATED* BY THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
SO THE RUNNERS KNEW THEIR FATE WHEN THEY DREW THEIR LOTS.
ONLY THE LUCKY ONES GET TO LIVE IN A BUBBLE--
WHEN YOU'RE LOCKED IN, A GLASS HOUSE IS STILL A *VIRTUAL PRISON* WHETHER YOU CAN SEE OUT OR NOT...
RIGHT, WHITE KNIGHT?
IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHICH SIDE OF THE BUBBLE YOU FIND YOURSELF, REX.
END

LAST WEEK THEY FOUND SOMETHING WEIRD, SO THEY CALLED ME. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS, SO I CALLED YOU.
THAT HAPPENS A LOT.
BEN TENNYSON. GWEN TENNYSON. KEVIN LEVIN.
JUDGING HOW DEEP IT'S BURIED IN ROCK, THE SHIP'S BEEN HERE FOR TEN THOUSAND YEARS.
WEIRD.
THEN YESTERDAY, WE STARTED HEARING NOISES FROM INSIDE.
VERY WEIRD.
LET'S LOOK INSIDE THAT SHIP.
LODESTAR!
OPEN SESAME.
CAREFUL. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN THERE. WE HAVE TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING.

OOOOOKAY.
I WASN'T READY FOR THIS.
An alien device on his wrist allows BEN TENNYSON to transform into different alien forms. He is BEN 10.

ONE MAN'S TRASH

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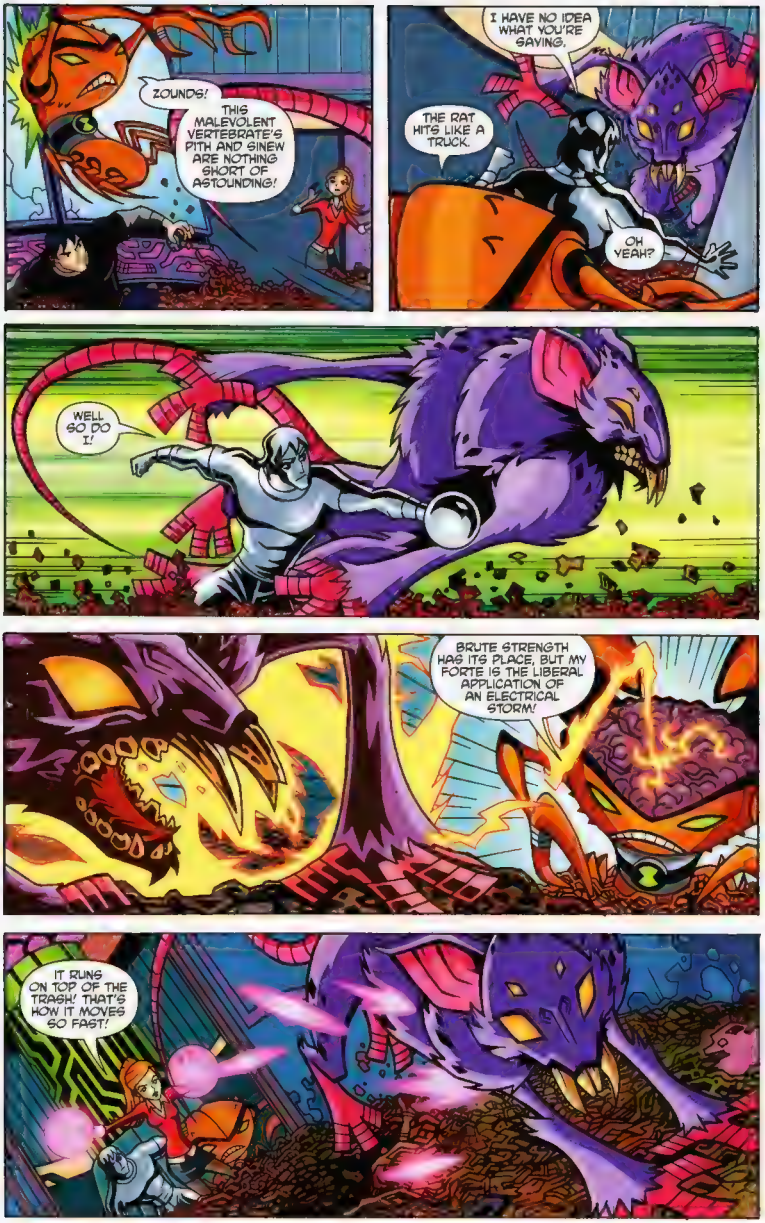
THIS SHIP MUST BE A GARBAGE SCOW.
UGH. THE INSIDE OF THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE YOUR ROOM.
HEY! MY ROOM'S MESSY, BUT IT'S NOT THIS BAD.
SO TEN THOUSAND YEARS AGO, AN ALIEN GARBAGE SHIP CRASHED ON EARTH. BUT WHY DID IT START MAKING NOISES NOW?
HEY, WHERE'S KEVIN? HE WAS RIGHT HERE!
LIKE THE HAT?
VERY CHARMING.
THIS WAY. I FOUND SOMETHING
SHIP'S GENERATOR STILL WORKS, BUT THE ENGINE UPLINK LOOKS FRIED. PROBABLY WHAT CAUSED THE SHIP TO CRASH ON EARTH.
A COMPUTER TERMINAL.
I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO USE IT. THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR--

BRAINSTORM!
A MOST PECULIAR NETWORK SYSTEM. NO DOUBT DESIGNED BY SOME TROGLODYTE, THIS BASE SYSTEM IS NO MATCH FOR MY SUPERINCUMBENT INTELLECT.
WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE NETWORK. SIMPLICITY ITSELF.
MAP OF THE SHIP. WE'RE IN THE ENGINE ROOM. BRIDGE IS UP HERE.
IF THE SHIP HAS A NAVIGATION COMPUTER, MAYBE THAT'LL TELL US WHERE THE SHIP WAS COMING FROM AND WHERE IT WAS GOING.
GROWWWL!!
OF COURSE. IF THERE'S GARBAGE, THERE'S A RAT!
A GIANT UGLY ALIEN RAT!


ZOUNDS!
THIS MALEVOLENT VERTEBRATE'S PITH AND SINEW ARE NOTHING SHORT OF ASTOUNDING!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
THE RAT HITS LIKE A TRUCK.
OH YEAH?
WELL SO DO I!
BRUTE STRENGTH HAS ITS PLACE, BUT MY FORTE IS THE LIBERAL APPLICATION OF AN ELECTRICAL STORM!
IT RUNS ON TOP OF THE TRASH! THAT'S HOW IT MOVES SO FAST!

QUICKLY NOW! WE MUSTN'T LET IT GET FAR!
IS IT JUST ME OR ARE WE SINKING?
IT'S NOT JUST YOU!
THIS DETRITUS IS REMINISCENT OF THE EFFECTS OF QUICKSAND! WE'LL BE PULLED UNDER!
AND IF WE CAN GET OUT OF THIS, THE RAT'S WAITING FOR US.
THIS CRUSTACEAN FORM IS ILL-EQUIPPED TO ESCAPE THIS QUAGMIRE. PERHAPS AN ALTERNATE FORM IS IN ORDER?
RATH!
MAN, IT FEELS GOOD TO BE ABLE TO USE SMALL WORDS AGAIN.

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, WEIRD-LOOKING WHATEVER-YOU-ARE! RATH ISN'T ABOUT PLAYING WITH THE GARBAGE!
RATH IS ALL ABOUT TAKING THE GARBAGE OUT!
GROWWL!
QUIET! NOW YOU MADE ME LOSE MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT!
AND I LIKED THAT TRAIN OF THOUGHT! I WANT IT BACK!
BEN! HURRY UP!
DON'T RUSH ME, KEVIN LEVIN!
I'M COMING TO THE RESCUE! 'CAUSE THAT'S WHAT I DO!
I DO THINGS LIKE THAT!

HEY! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS ULTIMATE RATH!
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, OMNITRIX! I DON'T CARE HOW IT HAPPENS, BUT SOMEDAY THERE BETTER BE AN ULTIMATE RATH INSIDE OF THERE!
CONSIDER THIS YOUR WARNING!
I WAS REALLY MAD BEFORE. BUT NOW I'M REALLY, REALLY MAD!
WHATEVER. IT'S NOT LIKE I EVEN NEED AN ULTIMATE TO TAKE YOU OUT.
THAT LOOKS LIKE AN AIRLOCK! AND SINCE WE'RE BURIED UNDERGROUND, THAT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD PLACE TO TRAP YOU!
I HATE RATS.
ESPECIALLY THE BIG ONES.

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, WEIRD-LOOKING WHATEVER-YOU-ARE! YOU CAN'T OUTRUN RATH! SO DON'T EVEN TRY IT!
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME? I TOLD YOU NOT TO EVEN TRY IT!
YOU'RE IGNORING ME! NOW I'M REALLY MAD!
IS THAT THE BEST YOU GOT?
BECAUSE I GOT SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOU. SAY HELLO TO ULTIMATE RATH!

WHERE WERE YOU?
I WAS LOCKING UP A GIANT RAT.
WE FOUND THE BRIDGE. IT'S THROUGH HERE.
I'LL GET THE DOOR.
HUMANS? BUT HOW DID YOU GET PAST THAT MONSTER?
WITH A REALLY BIG PIECE OF CHEESE?
HOW DID YOU END UP IN HERE?
I WAS IN TEN THOUSAND YEAR HIBERNATION STASIS ABOARD MY SHIP. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WE'D CRASHED. I SLEPT THE WHOLE TIME.
WHEN I WOKE UP YESTERDAY, I WAS TRAPPED WITH THAT MONSTER ON MY SHIP. I COULDN'T LEAVE THE BRIDGE.
IT'S OVER NOW. YOU AND YOUR GARBAGE SHIP ARE FREE TO GO.
GARBAGE? IT'S NOT A GARBAGE SHIP.
I'M A COLLECTOR! THAT STUFF IS MY COLLECTION!
A COMPULSIVE ALIEN HOARDER. NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING.
I'M GOING TO GO HOME AND TAKE A SHOWER.
I'M GOING TO GO HOME AND CLEAN MY ROOM.
THE END

Ben10 Ultimate Alien Data files

Species: Amperi

Amperi are an electro-manipulative species. They are masters of the electromagnetic spectrum, with the ability to produce powerful shock blasts of energy that can stun, paralyze, or kill. And since thoughts occur on the electromagnetic spectrum too, Amperi can read other creatures' minds. These jellyfish-looking aliens move by floating gently through the air, flying more quickly, or by becoming pure electrical current and traveling at lightning speed along power lines.

AmpFibian

Because Amperi are from the Andromeda galaxy, they weren't in the Ultimatrix. Ben acquired his Amperi form, AmpFibian, when the Ultimatrix sampled the DNA of Ra'ad, one of five alien fugitives to crash land on Earth, on the run from the villainous Osmosian, Aggregor, who used his ability to absorb matter and energy to siphon all of their powers for himself.

Homeworld: Tessios

Tessios is in the distant orbit of two suns, a neutron star and a red giant, in the Andromeda galaxy. The environment of Tessios is made almost entirely of heavy swirling gasses. There are no land masses, per se. Its inhabitants move through the various gasses, breathing them as they go, similar to marine lifeforms in the oceans of Earth.

The magnetic poles of the planet are highly charged thanks to the gravitational pull of its two suns. Every creature on this world has adapted to existence within these powerful competing electromagnetic fields and has evolved the ability to manipulate this energy in some way. The most adept at it are the Amperi, leading them to have become the dominant species on Tessios.

Species: Prypiatosian-Bs

Prypiatosian-Bs seem to be monsters made of pure glowing energy, but are actually powerfully radioactive physical beings that are too hot to touch or be near. They can squash and stretch their bodies to a certain degree, are super strong, have the ability to fire nuclear blasts from their hands, and can fly.

Because Prypiatosian-Bs are from the Andromeda galaxy, they weren't in the Ultimatrix. Ben acquired his Prypiatosian-B form, NRG, when the Ultimatrix sampled the DNA of P'andor, one of five alien fugitives to crash land on Earth, on the run from the villainous Osmosian, Aggregor, who used his ability to absorb matter and energy to siphon all of their powers for himself.

P'andor had been a criminal among his own kind. In order to capture him, Aggregor made a nearly impenetrable, metallic suit and contained the dangerously radioactive P'andor inside it. This protective metal shell can only be cut open by Taydenite—the hardest, rarest, most valuable gemstone in the universe. Ben's NRG form is also encased in an exact duplicate of this suit, and must remain so for the safety of others. If he is ever released from it, everyone around NRG could get radiation poisoning. Even while imprisoned in this armor, NRG can fire nuclear blasts from his hands and also from the holes in his faceplate.

Homeworld: Prypiatos

Prypiatos was once the marvel of the Andromeda galaxy, with mega-cites filling entire continents with hundreds of thousands of glittering structures that truly seemed to scrape the sky. But an atomic war put an end to all that. In the aftermath, some of the planet's denizens managed to escape underground to avoid the nuclear fallout. They came to be known as the Prypiatosian-As, and eventually established new subterranean cities of their own, lead-lined for their protection from the hazardously irradiated surface world that had once been their home. Others, now known as the Prypiatosian-Bs, stayed above ground, scavenging in the ruins of their once great civilization, where they were mutated into the highly radioactive beings from which P'andor, and subsequently NRG, are descended.

NRG

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